

Adam AND Samantha





Hello!

We are Adam & Samantha

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR
COURAGEOUS DECISION AND TRULY
APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO
LEARN MORE ABOUT US.

Hopefully, this profile will help you picture the type of family we have and how we would provide a home full of love for your child. Our journey toward adoption has been shaped by love, reflection, and a deep desire to grow our family. **We are committed to open adoption based in transparency and trust—and would be honored to speak with and get to know you.**

Our Love Story

WE MET IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK RIGHT AFTER GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE. WE WERE BOTH AMERICORPS MEMBERS WORKING FOR THE SAME ORGANIZATION THAT LEADS CHILDREN IN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS.

Samantha taught middle school students and Adam taught pre-K students in the same building. We built a strong foundation as good friends while working together and started dating and became serious quickly in our early 20s. Together, we navigated moving to DC from Brooklyn, attending graduate school, and becoming young professionals.



We are best friends with deep mutual respect for one another as individuals. Our home is warm and full of laughter and we have a very calm and loving style of communication.

OUR WEDDING DAY IN 2018



EXPLORING NEW PLACES ON VACATION



We are both very deliberative and thoughtful people. We make important decisions together by weighing and discussing the pros and cons and focusing on our **key priorities: each other, our families and friends, and our values.**

We have been together for over 13 years and married for 7 years. We are best friends and at our happiest when we spend time together and with our families and friends. **We love to host in our home, cook and bake, explore DC, and travel to new countries.**

Meet Samantha

WRITTEN BY ADAM



SAM ENJOYING SHAVED ICE IN HAWAII



SAMANTHA IS THE DAUGHTER OF IMMIGRANTS FROM THE PHILIPPINES AND HAS FOUR SISTERS. AS THE DAUGHTER OF IMMIGRANTS, SAMANTHA WAS HER FAMILY'S FIERCEST ADVOCATE.

Samantha's mom is a traveling nurse and the family moved often when she was growing up, from Toronto, Canada to Florida to California. Her dad was a stay-at-home dad who raised all 5 daughters and later worked as a security guard at the same hospital her mom worked in. While her family did not have a lot financially, there was a lot of love in her home. Her family regularly attended Catholic church and Samantha sang in the choir growing up.

She formed an unbreakable bond with her sisters, who now have their own families that she is very close with and visits often. Samantha has a wide circle of close friends in DC and loves to spend time with their growing families. Now retired, Samantha's parents moved back to the Philippines and we are excited to visit them frequently.

Samantha is kind hearted, dependable, extremely intelligent, and-above all-a problem solver. She cares deeply about the world around her and will stand up for her values and to defend those who are unable to defend themselves. She has an extremely open and caring relationship with her large family, which always makes for fun holidays, get togethers, and general family time.



HARVESTING THE SEASON'S FIRST CUCUMBERS FROM OUR GARDEN

“Samantha will make a fantastic mother — full of unconditional love, encouragement, compassion, patience and an amazing sense of humor.”



MAKING PIE CRUST WITH OUR NEPHEW

For Work

Samantha attended law school to become a public interest lawyer. Her career has always been focused on public service and improving the lives of others, from making sure everyone gets treated fairly by their landlords or when buying a home to advocating for people with disabilities. She now works on civil rights and criminal justice policy and loves working with others to guarantee that everyone can have an equal opportunity in America.

Meet Adam

WRITTEN BY SAMANTHA

ADAM WAS BORN AND RAISED IN WASHINGTON, DC IN A LOVING HOME WITH HIS PARENTS AND OLDER SISTER.

Adam's parents are lawyers who specialized in immigration and special education law. They raised Adam in the Jewish faith and its tradition of community service. They believed in the importance of education and provided Adam and his sister with support and encouragement to pursue their academic interests.

Growing up, Adam loved playing basketball and ran track. He is a fan of all DC sports teams and loves listening to hip hop and hiking. His sister is now a nurse in Brooklyn and his parents live in DC and we all spend time together regularly as a family.

HIKING IN ICELAND



CELEBRATING IN IRELAND





SHOWING OUR NEPHEW HIS
BASKETBALL SKILLS

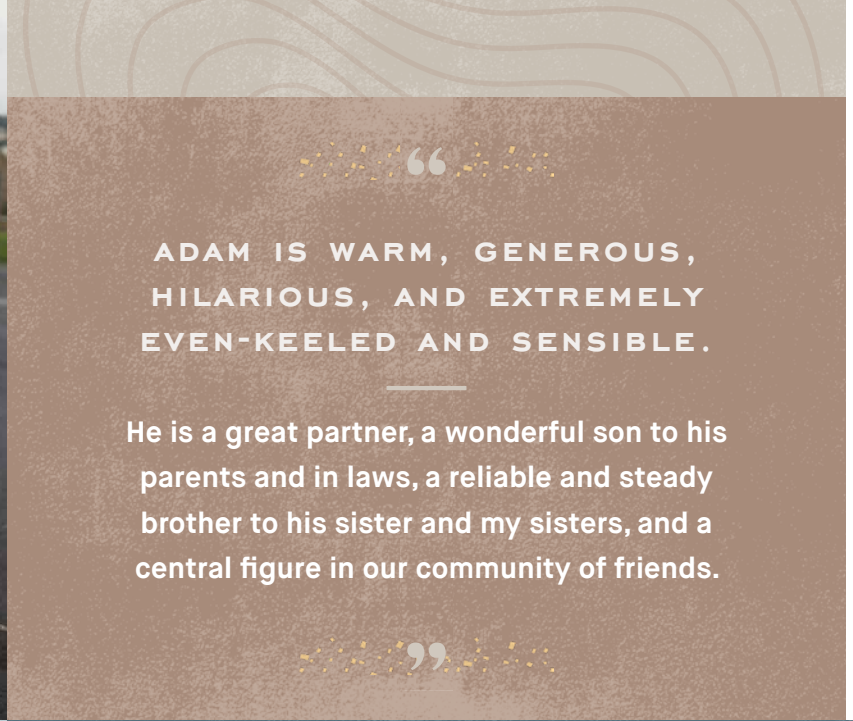


For Work

Adam received a degree in History and Political Science in college, which sparked his interest in international affairs. This led Adam to a career working for the federal government and traveling to more than 20 countries for work.

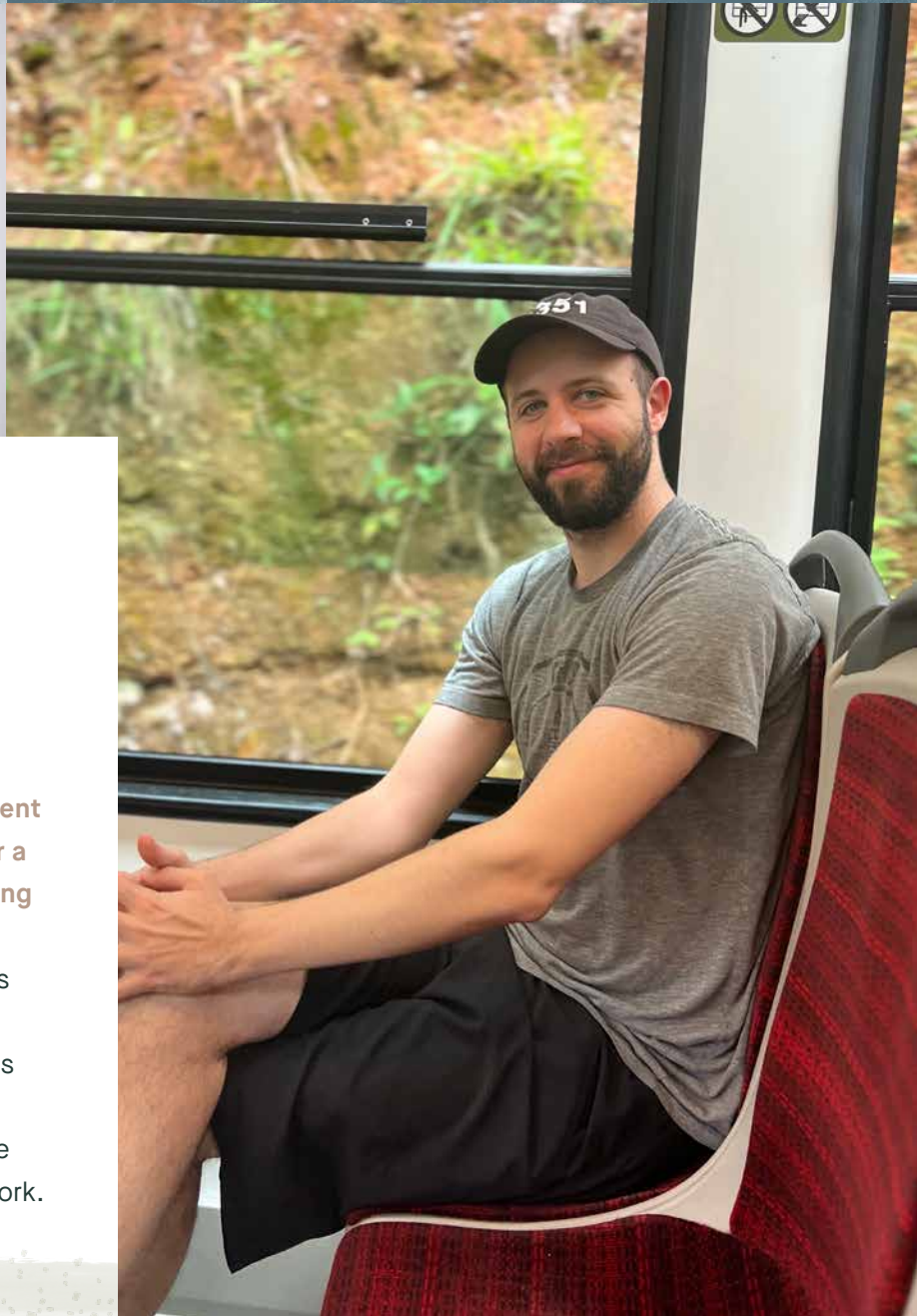
Adam now works at a technology company

in DC helping the company comply with international sanctions. **His job provides excellent benefits and allows for a lot of flexibility including working from home as needed.** Adam loves his job because he gets to solve complex problems with very intelligent coworkers and because he gets free lunch at work.



ADAM IS WARM, GENEROUS,
HILARIOUS, AND EXTREMELY
EVEN-KEELED AND SENSIBLE.

He is a great partner, a wonderful son to his
parents and in laws, a reliable and steady
brother to his sister and my sisters, and a
central figure in our community of friends.



Our Home

WE PURCHASED OUR FIRST HOME IN WASHINGTON, DC IN 2020 IN A HISTORIC RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD. WE HAVE SPENT YEARS DOING SMALL RENOVATION PROJECTS AROUND THE HOUSE AND DECORATING. WE CANNOT WAIT TO TURN OUR SPARE BEDROOM INTO A CHILD'S ROOM.

During the pandemic, we built garden beds in our front yard and attended DC Parks and Recreation classes to learn how to grow vegetables. Samantha loves planning and tending to the garden each season. **We spend the most time in our home in the kitchen, where we cook for ourselves every day and host friends and family weekly.**

Our home is in a residential neighborhood in DC filled with young families and close to great schools. **We live right across the street from a playground, have a rec center nearby, and are only a short Metro ride away from DC's national monuments and museums.**



COOKING TOGETHER AT HOME



PROUD GARDENERS



KAYAKING ON THE POTOMAC RIVER WITH FRIENDS

We are deeply invested in our community

AND FREQUENTLY ATTEND LOCAL EVENTS AT THEATERS, COMMUNITY CENTERS, AND OTHER PUBLIC SPACES.

Our Hobbies

FIRST TIME ON
A GLACIER ON A
FAMILY TRIP TO
ICELAND



GAME NIGHT AT OUR HOUSE PLAYING RUMMIKUB



HOSTING A DINNER PARTY

OUR FREE TIME IS SPENT WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY, whether cooking up a new recipe in the kitchen, hosting dinner parties or our annual cookie decorating Christmas party, or checking out a new restaurant, museum exhibit, or visiting a farmers market. We love to explore DC and learn more about its rich history and culture.

MUSIC IS A BIG PART OF OUR LIVES -

we love to pull out the karaoke machine, check out live music, or join Adam's parents to watch a symphony performance.

WE LOVE TO TRAVEL AND EXPLORE NEW CITIES AND COUNTRIES.

We have been to more than 25 countries together and visit Samantha's family who live in Toronto, Canada or the Bay Area in California at least twice a year.

WE ARE BLESSED AND
PRIVILEGED TO HAVE A STRONG
NETWORK AND COMMUNITY OF
LOVED ONES AND FRIENDS
BOTH WHERE WE LIVE AND
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

We have four nieces and nephews who we love
dearly, five sisters/sisters-in-law, four loving
parents, and a number of other close cousins
and beloved family—all of whom we see on a
consistent basis and are regularly in touch with.



SAMANTHA WITH ADAM'S FAMILY ON OUR ANNUAL
SUMMER TRIP TO THE BERKSHIRES

SPENDING TIME WITH THEM
IS ONE OF THE JOYS OF
OUR LIFE—AND FREQUENTLY
WHERE WE HAVE OUR MOST
FUN. KARAOKE IS A MUST
WHEN WE'RE ALL GATHERED
TOGETHER!

Our Loved Ones



SAMANTHA, HER MOM, AND 3 OF HER SISTERS
CELEBRATING WITH A KAMAYAN FEAST

ADAM AND SAMANTHA WITH HER PARENTS DURING
HER MOM'S RETIREMENT TRIP TO IRELAND





HANGING WITH SOME OF OUR BEST FRIENDS



Our Thoughts on Parenting

We are incredibly excited to become parents and know that we would provide any child with a safe, supportive, and loving home. We're eager to share our insights about the world and to teach a child how to be kind, generous, and empathetic, pursue their interests and passions, and to seek to improve their communities and the world around them.

WE HAVE LIVED IN DC FOR MORE THAN A DECADE AND HAVE BUILT CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS WITH A DIVERSE GROUP OF KIND AND COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS. We see our friends regularly in DC, celebrate holidays and birthdays, and travel with them for beach trips in Rehoboth, Delaware or take New Year's Eve trips to new cities.

Our DC community has only grown closer as our beloved friends have expanded their families and welcomed children that we consider to be our nieces and nephews. Outside of DC, we have several close friends from high school and college who live in New York, New Jersey, and California - we visit each other and meet up for special occasions like baby showers and weddings and consider them to be an extended part of our large family.

A DAY AT THE AQUARIUM WITH OUR NIECE & NEPHEW



CELEBRATING ADAM'S BIRTHDAY WITH OUR NIECE



MEETING OUR NEPHEW IN SAN FRANCISCO



Thank You So Much



WE ARE TRULY
APPRECIATIVE OF THE
TIME YOU TOOK TO READ
THIS PROFILE.

We hope that you were able to learn more about us and the home full of love that we would provide to your child. We'd be honored to speak further with you!

